This Week's Theme: *Acting Ethically with Intentional Stewardship*

This week, you'll read Chapter 2 of the *Business Ethics* textbook and explore Immanuel Kant's views on duty, goodwill, and the categorical imperative. You'll also reflect on R.C. Sproul's teaching in the video *The Parable of the Talents: The Parables of Jesus with R.C. Sproul*.

Kant emphasized that true ethical action comes from **goodwill and right motives**, not simply beneficial outcomes. Likewise, in Matthew 25:14–30, the *Parable of the Talents* challenges us to think about what we've been given—resources, influence, opportunities—and how we use them for a purpose greater than ourselves.

Initial Post (300 words):

After completing both the reading and the video, respond to the following:

1. How does Kant's concept of duty and the categorical imperative compare with the biblical idea of stewardship found in the Parable of the Talents?
2. In what ways can business professionals act not just out of personal gain or outcome (utilitarianism), but from a sense of moral duty and service to others (deontology)?
3. Share an example from your own life, work, or observation of someone who made an ethical decision that prioritized *doing what is right* over *what was profitable or convenient*. - In my perspective, a time I seen someone who made an ethical decision that prioritized *doing what is right* over *what was profitable or convenient.* It was in high school where one of my childhood friends seen fifty dollars in the hallway during a class period, and instead of him taking the money for his personal benefit. He chose to turn it into the front office because he felt like it was the right thing to do. How does that reflect both Kantian ethics and biblical faithfulness?

Be sure to connect your reflection to this week's learning objectives and Scripture.